

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A cable-processing apparatus for positioning cable-ends at processing stations comprising:

5 a swiveling device adapted to be positioned adjacent a cutting and stripping station and at least one cable-end processing station, said swiveling device having a swiveling arm with a gripper at one end for sequentially holding a leading cable-end and a trailing cable-end of a cable-length, said swiveling arm moving the leading and trailing cable-ends from the cutting
10 and stripping station to the at least one cable-end processing station and away from the at least one cable-end processing station.

2. The cable-processing apparatus according to Claim 1 wherein said swiveling arm is pivotally mounted on said swiveling device at another end opposite said one end
15 and a cable-axis of a one of the cable-ends being held extends parallel to a longitudinal axis of said swiveling arm when said one end of said swiveling arm is positioned at the at least one cable-end processing station.

3. The cable-processing apparatus according to Claim 2 including a drive
20 connected to said swiveling arm for swiveling said swiveling arm about said another end.

4. The cable-processing apparatus according to Claim 1 including a drive connected to said gripper for positioning said gripper in an axial direction of one of the cable-ends being held.

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5. The cable-processing apparatus according to Claim 1 including a drive connected to said gripper for rotating said gripper.

6. The cable-processing apparatus according to Claim 2 including a platform, a
30 turntable rotatably mounted on said platform with said swiveling arm being attached to said turntable, and a first drive attached to said platform and driving said turntable and said swiveling arm in rotation.

7. The cable-processing apparatus according to Claim 6 including a second drive mounted on said platform and driving said swiveling arm linearly.

5 8. The cable-processing apparatus according to Claim 7 including a third drive mounted on said swiveling arm and driving said gripper in rotation.

9. The cable-processing apparatus according Claim 1 wherein said swiveling device is positioned either above or below a cable-line extending through an adjacent
10 belt-drive apparatus for supplying the cable to said gripper.

10. A cable-processing machine comprising:
a belt-drive for providing a cable;
a cutting and stripping station for cutting a cable-length from the cable and
15 stripping leading and trailing ends of the cable-length;
a pair of crimping presses for attaching a crimped contact to each of the leading
and trailing ends; and
a swiveling device positioned adjacent said cutting and stripping station and said
crimping presses, said swiveling device having a swiveling arm with a
20 gripper at one end for sequentially holding the leading and trailing cable-
ends, said swiveling arm moving the leading and trailing cable-ends from
said cutting and stripping station to said crimping presses and away from
said crimping presses.

25 11. The cable-processing machine according to Claim 10 wherein said swiveling arm is pivotally mounted on said swiveling device at another end opposite said one end and a cable-axis of a one of the cable-ends being held extends parallel to a longitudinal axis of said swiveling arm when said one end of said swiveling arm is positioned at one of said crimping presses.

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12. The cable-processing machine according to Claim 11 including a platform, a turntable rotatably mounted on said platform with said swiveling arm being attached to said turntable, and a first drive attached to said platform and driving said turntable and said swiveling arm in rotation.

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13. The cable-processing machine according to Claim 12 including a second drive mounted on said platform and driving said swiveling arm linearly.

14. The cable-processing machine according to Claim 13 including a third drive
10 mounted on said swiveling arm and driving said gripper in rotation.

15. The cable-processing machine according Claim 10 wherein said swiveling device is positioned either above or below a cable-line extending through said belt-drive.

15 16. The cable-processing machine according Claim 10 including a cable transportation belt positioned adjacent said swiveling device for holding the leading cable-end while said swiveling device is moving the trailing cable-end.